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1. REFTTEL HIGHLIGHTS SERIOUS DIFFICULTY UNTSO IS
EXPERIENCING IN SOUTH LEBANON. WE HAVE HAD CONFIRMATION
FROM OUR OWN INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH UNTSO PERSONNEL.

2. THIS BRINGS TO MIND TWO QUESTIONS: A) DO WE BELIEVE
UNTSO IS STILL SERVING A USEFUL PURPOSE IN THAT AREA?
B) WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER BORDER AREAS? IN THE GOOD
OLD DAYS THERE WERE MEETINGS OF THE MIXED ARMISTICE
COMMISSIONS AND THESE SOMETIMES HAD SOME IMPACT ON
REDUCING TENSIONS. THAT DOES NOT SEEM TO HAPPEN
ANY MORE. DO WE STILL NEED UNTSO IN GENERAL?

3. WHATEVER THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS, THE
CONTINUED PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS IN SOUTH LEBANON
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UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS SEEMS FOOLHARDY TO US.
THEY ARE UNABLE TO PERFORM THEIR OBSERVER MISSION
EFFECTIVELY AND ARE RUNNING SERIOUS PHYSICAL RISKS
TO NO PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
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